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OUR COVER PICTURE THIS WEEK SHOWS GREEK SUPER-STAR, ULYSSES KOKKINOS, WHO RECENTLY JOINED SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS FROM FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER.

SUPERSTAR IN ACTION

Pictured Right: Kokkinos (Hellas) seen running for the ball in the Hellas v Ringwood match. Pictured below right: Ulysses Kokkinos. Below: Ulysses Kokkinos (Hellas) at Middle Park on Sunday. Far Right: The Hellas striker in action at Middle Park last Sunday.



TESTING TIME FOR SLAVIA

By IAN SHANKLEY

TESTING TIME has come at last for Rothman's State League leaders Prahran Slavia.

We'll know the result of the test on Sunday, at 5 o'clock after South Melbourne Hellas have played Slavia.

Can the big boast of Slavia coach Johnny Sanchez hold good? That's the question. Johnny says Slavia won't be beaten this year. He's that confident!

Hellas coach Johnny Margaretis claims his team will walk all over the opposition on Sunday and Jim Armstrong — the 10-goal Hellas striker — says he'll bang a few more in against the League leaders.

This game has all the hallmarks of being a real Cup-tie duel between two sides who are at their peak playing great soccer.

Two players in the game who can't be faulted at present are the respective goalies — Marko Fode (Hellas) and Mike O'Hara (Slavia).

Fode has let eight balls into his net while O'Hara has only let three past him.

The two teams have different styles. For instance Slavia do not rely on one man to do their goalscoring. Seven players have been responsible for their 12 goals this season — Ian Humble, George Train, Steve McCombe, Bobby Kent, John Webb, John Howie and Jim Tansey.

For Hellas most of their goals have been scored by Jim Armstrong (10) but last Sunday against Ringwood City he failed to find the net.

FITZROY UNITED, who played so well against George Cross last week, should beat Keilor, at Olympic Park, on Saturday.

This match will be seen live on GTV9 with commentators Tony Charlton and Frank Weimper, the former Melbourne player.

Frank is really concerned about his old club being second from the bottom of the ladder.

He said on Sunday he thought the club had committee problems. He hoped they would soon find a solution to put the club in a winning mood again.

MOOROOLBARK will entertain Juventus at Ester Park and local coach, Brian Edgley, will be looking for a better result from Paul Ontong, Alex Crombie, Ian Williamson and Co., this week.

Dr Manny Poulakakis, the Juventus coach, is also hoping for a couple of

points from this game after his recent run of bad luck with his club.

Much will depend on the strength of David Gorrie, Keith Webster and Dario Epifano up front. And in goal Mike Kovacek will have to be on his toes to stop the hard-hitting Barkers' attack.

HAKOAH ST KILDA will attract a good crowd for their game with George Cross at Middle Park on Sunday.

These two teams always produce good soccer and the result is hard to forecast.

Georgie will have to improve on their display of last Sunday to beat the Saints.

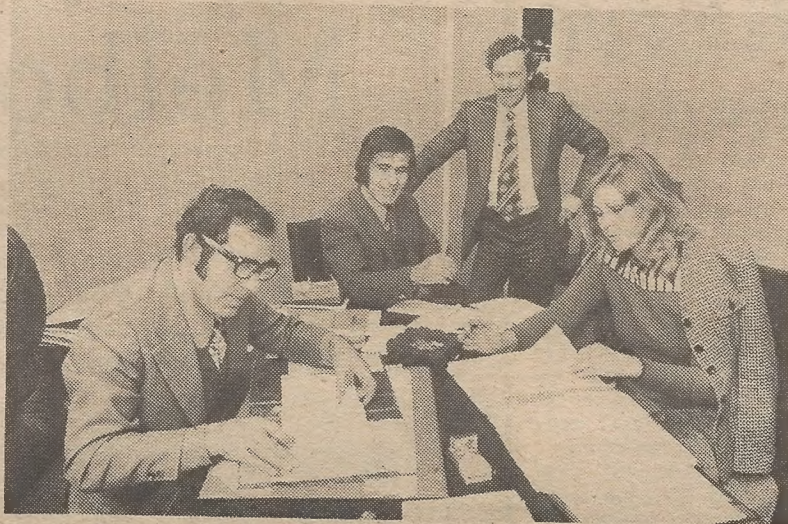
My tips for week-end games —

Fitzroy, Polonia, Footscray, Hellas, Hakoah, Juventus.

Right: Slavia Steve McCoombe, in white, jumping Mooroolbark goalkeeper Roy Lowton. Top: At Olympic Park, Prahran Slavia v Mooroolbark. Above Right: David Webb (Slavia in white), against Mooroolbark.



ALL'S HAPPENING AT St. TROPEZ



Pictured on our front cover this week is glamorous French-born Lucy Pharmaxis, who together with husband Phillip, control the fashion house of St Tropez.
Lucy chose the name St Tropez because of her love for the beautiful French Riviera holiday resort where she spent many of her childhood vacations.
The French influence so evident in her styling is obviously the reason for her success! Regular visits to the fashion centres of the world enable Lucy to make some interesting comments on both local and overseas fashions.



Australian girls are beautiful — but they don't make the most of themselves!

Making at least three trips to Europe annually, I have plenty of time to observe overseas dressing, and compare it to the dressing of our Australian girls. There is no doubt that the Australian girl is tops in looks, health, and figure — but unfortunately she doesn't make the most of these God-given assets.

Where the Australian girl goes wrong!

Our outdoor image is good, but unfortunately in the past it has been carried to extremes by most teenagers, resulting in a rather scruffy, careless look — which completely destroys a girl's femininity.

There's a difference between casual and careless!

A girl can dress casually and still retain the look of a girl, if she chooses well.

Of course these garments have to be made available to them in the shops to choose from.

Another failing of the Australian girl is her haphazard choice of accessories.

European girls are rather clever at this, and

if Australians could take a tip from them they could be the best dressed as well as the best looking.

Paying a few extra dollars for a garment that has a superior look is usually money well-spent — cheapness never pays off!

THE AIM OF ST TROPEZ

When I started the firm of St Tropez, my aim was (and still is) to produce a fashion garment at a reasonable price, and above all, I wanted to promote the feminine look.

I deplored the skimping of fabric, and gave a more lavish fullness to the garments which made them more feminine, and made a woman feel like a

woman.

Unisex can be carried too far, and I'm sure the boys don't really want their girls to look like them.

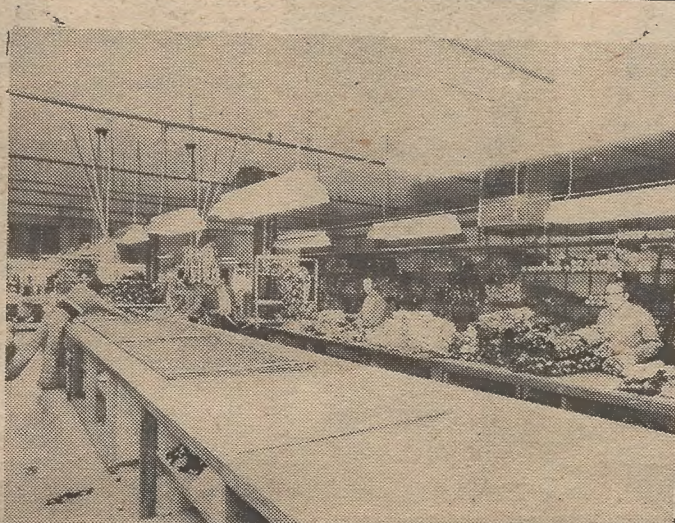
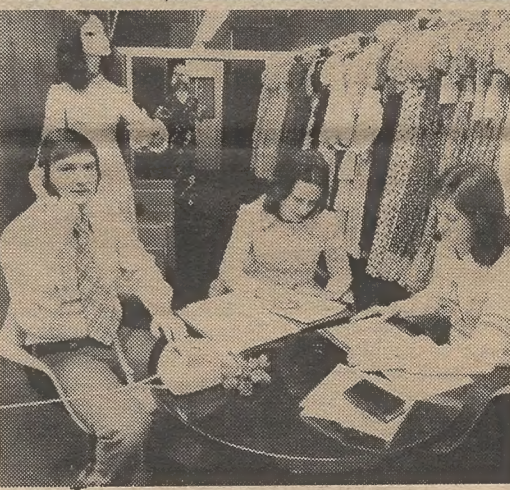
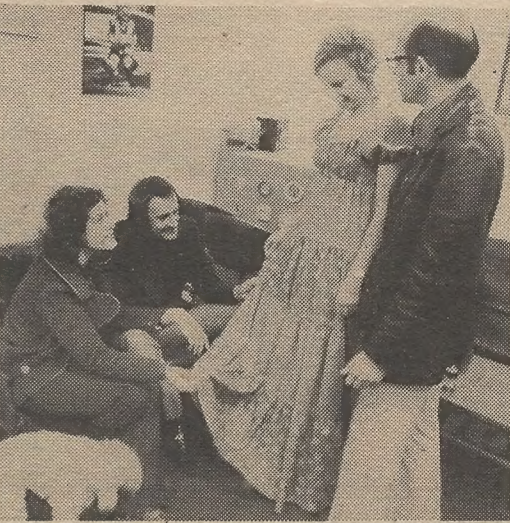
This feminine look has now become very popular and judging by the success of St Tropez, I'm sure this is the reason.

Another aim was to create a youthful garment that could be worn not only by the teenager, but would look equally as good on an older woman. Judging by the number of women now wearing St Tropez garments, I'm sure I have achieved this!

The constant demand for St Tropez garments ensures the steady growth of an already thriving business, and will enable me to bring to the public more fashion incorporating all the latest trends at a reasonable price — so "Be a St Tropez girl!"

Lucy

1. Colleen Hewitt modelling one of the styles from her wardrobe prepared by St Tropez. 2. Lucy lending a hand to fashion co-ordination by designing some sketches. 3. New styles under careful supervision by designing team — Lionel Davison, Bill Lepass and Gerry Camilleri. 4. Control department examining a finished sample. Shown is Mrs Peach, in the background, preparing cutting orders. 5. The large sampling section necessary for the constant production of new styles! 6. Sixty foot cutting tables. Mr Costa in the background organising garments for work rooms. 7. Manageress Mrs Costa with Mr Dour checking incoming garments from our work rooms. 8. Dispatch manageress, Margo Doyle, supervising smooth and efficient service of the dispatch department. 9. Credit Manager, Mr Gerry Cousins with Sales girls. 10. Looking at one of the new styles by St Tropez. 11. Salesman Frank Woodhouse shows a buyer a style which is worn by house model Joan Tidswell. 12. General Director, Mr Pharmaxis, consulting with St Tropez accountant and secretary Jennifer Binder.



Rale Rasic - THE MAN WHO TOOK US TO THE WORLD CUP

By JOHN MARTIN

AUSTRALIA is a land that breeds them tough. Perhaps that's why the Socceroos made the grade in West Germany.

Sure, the Socceroos were beaten but they were not disgraced. And the man we have to thank for our great showing is coach Rale Rasic — a player who was brought to Australia by Footscray JUST.

Rasic told an English newspaperman last week before the World Cup finals in West Germany: "We got here the hard way."

He was explaining his method of defence and as he talked he sketched his massed-defence plan on the back of an envelope.

have is to defend. We can't beat West Germany. All we have to offer is British will-power."

Or, in Rasic's case, Yugoslav will-power. He arrived in Australia nine years ago as full-back with half a coaching diploma and about four words of English.

wrong, too. Malcolm Allison was the best but made the mistake of believing he was a manager. And Brian Clough seemed to believe he was God.

"In my opinion, top coaches shouldn't be working with professional players. They ought to specialise on boys between 12 and 14, the age when you can really teach them something."

"In Australia, we're starting kids too early. There are Leagues for every age-group right down to under-fours."



"I'm not defensive by nature, but I believe in the bird in the hand, and what's happened to us over two years of qualifying — we've played 11 matches and lost only one — has made us cautious."

"We've been in Vietnam, Korea and Bangkok. And every time we were playing against 14 men — meaning the ref and both linesmen, so we could never take a chance."

"Asians were frightened of us. They thought we were British, meaning physical."

"Nationalism also killed them off. Asians are so proud. Fear of failing their country made them dead men before the kick-off."

"With us, we're such a mixture — Scots, Slavs, English, Hungarians and Aussies — it was never a problem. For us, it was just a game, with no outside pressures."

"The only choice I

Today he's national team-boss, runs Sydney's best-supported soccer club, Pan Hellenic, and is a partner in a thriving sports-goods business.

AMBITIOUS

Rasic, at 39, has made it but he's lively and ambitious and sees the World Cup as a personal shop-window.

"I've had offers from Greece, but I prefer Western Europe. Maybe something in England or Belgium. Best of all, France. That's the country with potential — magnificent natural players ruined by amateurish methods."

"England also needs some foreign coaches, new ideas. Your game has lost imagination. I said to one of your managers: 'Is it true you take the brain out of your players and put it in the fridge?'"

"And the English coaches have gone

Honest, I'm telling you there are teams of three-year-olds playing every week in Sydney."

"And you should hear their mothers, screaming from the touchlines: 'Score you little bastard, or there'll be no dinner when I get you home.'"

The Aussie party included the World Cup's only non-playing player, Ray Baartz. He's walking proof of his nation's big heart.

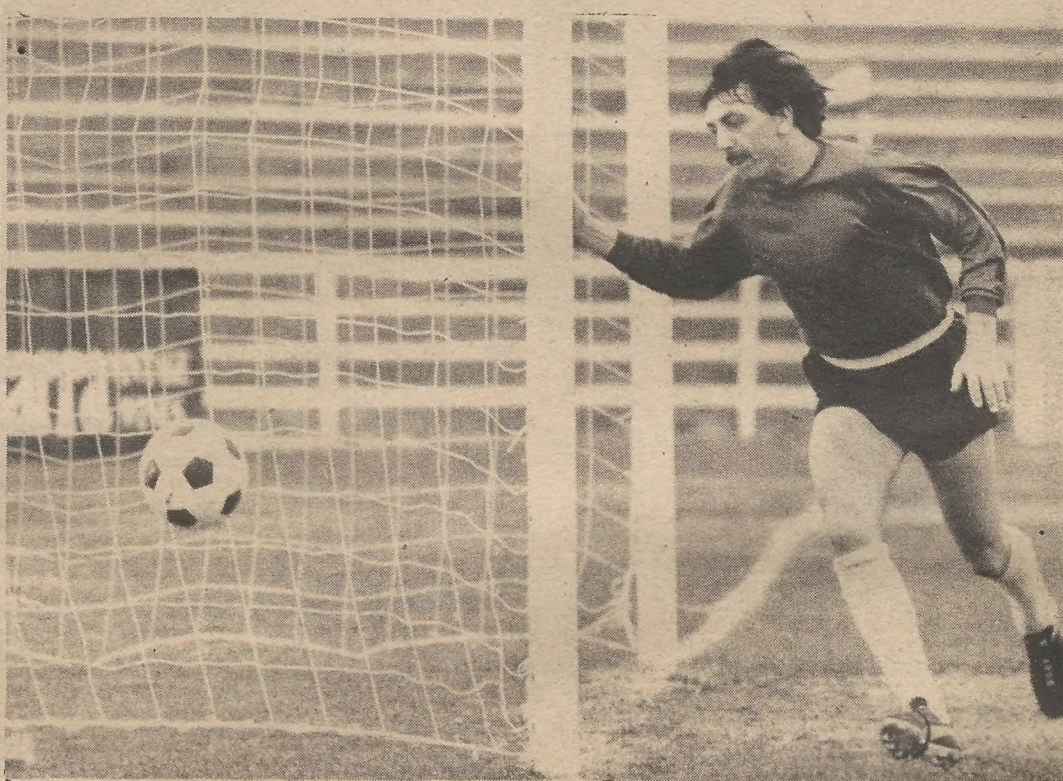
For Baartz, a one-time Manchester United reserve, was partially paralysed by a karate chop in a 2-0 victory against Uruguay.

'DIABOLICAL'

"It'll be a year before they know if I can play again. Their No. 5 hit me, damaging a neck artery. I don't know his name."

"Anyone playing Uruguay had better watch out. Off the ball, they're diabolical."

Hakoah St. Kilda V's Melbourne



TOP: John Morgan looks beaten but lucky enough the ball went out.
CENTRE: Steve Gadsby trying to dribble Alister Scott.
ABOVE: One of Mike Micewski's goal tries.

HELLAS V's RINGWOOD

Far Right: Mike Pye (Ringwood), dark shirt. Right: Steve Walker, Hellas No. 5 scores the first goal for Hellas from a Corner Kick. Below: Jim Armstrong (Hellas), the State League's top goalscorer on 10 goals, in action. Below centre: Peter Bourne (Hellas), in white facing camera. Below Right: The Hellas v Ringwood game.



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ON-SIDE

WITH STEPHEN KALUS

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN, chairman of the VCF is back in Melbourne. During the World Cup quarter-finals in Germany, Mr Weinstein had talks with the president of the LKS Club (Lodz) and details were discussed for them to tour Australia next year.

VERNONS POOLS, which is setting up an independent soccer pool in Australia during October, is planning only one treble chance system for the Australian investors.

The British pool specialists are willing to make it easy for Australian soccer followers who are not conversant with English pools.

KAZ KOWALEC, the ex-Polonia-Melbourne star and present team manager of State League leaders Prahran-Slavia, was a happy man at the weekend. His team had another win and he found out from Soccer Week that LKS, his former team — back in Poland — will tour Australia.

Zyg Kowalec and Vic Janczyk were members of the LKS team in 1958 when they won the national title.

"WHAT IS wrong with Melbourne?" Followers of the Hungarian club are worrying about the downfall of their State League side.

Melbourne which was always among the leaders is now occupying second-last position on the ladder.

There are rumors that the club has financial disputes with players and last Saturday, in the game against Hakoah, four regulars were missing.

THE SOCCEROOS' last game in Germany against Chile nearly finished in a disaster.

Mr Jamar Namdar, the referee, handled the game in such a way that he completely destroyed the fairness and fighting spirit of the Socceroos and only the calmness of our skipper Peter Wilson allowed the game to finish at full time.

HAKOAH St Kilda under-16 team have four players in the State squad.

They are Alec Marshall, Bill Jordanon, Les Nagy and Chris Hamstron.

Nagy and Jordanon played last Saturday against Melbourne in the reserve game won by Hakoah 3-1.

Laurie Schwab, the only Melbourne soccer writer at the World Cup finals in Germany, is a busy man reporting on the game, but he's still finding time to send to his friends in Australia, special World Cup stamps issued by FIFA.

LEN STONE, the well-known Melbourne soccer writer, is an active official in the ice hockey sport.

He regularly reports the game in the Sunday Telegraph and is a hard-working official with one of the clubs.

ARE YOU suspicious? The president of Hakoah St Kilda, Les Erdi, is.

His State League team was presented by a committee member with a set of guernseys and since Hakoah has not performed well.

Last Saturday before the game against Melbourne, Les ordered the team to wear their old blue-white guernseys. Hakoah won 1-0.

Brian Harvey, the ex-English professional who joined Hakoah St Kilda at the beginning of the season, has left Melbourne for Sydney and applied for a clearance.

POLAND, the gold medal winners at the Munich Olympic Games, will play in the semi-finals of the World Cup in Germany.

THE SOCCEROOS after a most successful start in the World Cup series, arrived home on Thursday.

It is expected two Victorians Branko Buljevic and Jack Reilly will apply for clearances from their respective clubs, Footscray-JUST and Hakoah St Kilda.

Both were offered very lucrative contracts in Europe and it is now up to JUST and HAKOAH to put a price for a clearance.

MRS CHERYL SAMEROFF, the wife of the Hakoah's left-winger, is a big asset to the club.

Mrs Sameroff is always with her husband at the games and whenever Hakoah plays at home, Cheryl is helping a lot taking on any job on the ground.

MATCH REPORTS

ELTHAM SOCCER CLUB NEWS

BALLARAT 3 ELTHAM 4

Metropolitan League Division Three

AFTER last week's great win, which put us on top of the League table, this game turned out to be a nightmare.

Far from being commanding Eltham were always in trouble and there were very few players who had their usual strong games.

Our defence, usually our very strong point were all at sea, and gave goals to the home side rather than Ballarat being the instigators of classic goal-producing moves.

Eltham started off well, and it was not long before Tony Watson shot us into the lead.

This was a good effort and made it look as if we would carry on from last week. This was not to be and several chinks appeared in the defence.

Our midfield men were trying hard but finding it very difficult to get the strikers away for clear shots at goal.

In the 16th min. a good run from Alan Raynes produced a strong shot which the Ballarat keeper was unable to hold, and Mick Lister — following up — had the ball in the net for a two-nil lead.

This did not last for long, however, and a badly directed backpass was cut off by a Ballarat forward and hit into the net for the home sides first goal.

Eltham hit back only two minutes later when following a cornerkick taken by Mick Hoar; Les Gooney rose high above the defenders to head a really great goal.

Ballarat came back to the attack and it was only eight minutes later that they pulled a goal back and half-time arrived with the score at 2-3 in Elthams favor. Although Eltham seemed to get back into the game after half-time, Ballarat pressed hard and equalised in the 63rd minute when a terrific shot from their outside left struck a Ballarat players foot and was deflected into the net giving 'keeper Finlay no chance.

This inspired the home-side for a long while and they were on top then.

Eltham tried to get back into the game and although Mick Hoar hit the crossbar, it was only a brilliant save by Lyndon Finlay that kept the scores even.

In the last fifteen minutes Eltham seemed to get their rhythm back and were getting on top again. Ten minutes from time it was Tony Watson who got the two points for Eltham. A through ball from John Rattray was run to by Tony who evaded one tackle and dribbled around the goalkeeper and put the ball into the net.

Certainly not the best game by far, and it is

and although Brian Brennan had some extremely good runs he will only get goals when he overcomes his final finishing weakness.

Benny Lee and Peter Wigmore were also prominent for the Eltham side.

League Match — Eltham 7, Monbulk 0

This was a good win for the home side and they are now starting to combine well as a team and trying to play really good soccer.

We started off well and Kevin Emsden took a pass down the right wing and his high shot went into the far side of the goal.

Nugget Bailey quickly followed this up with a further goal and within a few minutes Eltham went into a three-goal lead through Alan Hadzic.

Monbulk were always trying to attack, but strong play in the backline kept their forwards at bay.

In the second half Eltham continued to press and further goals came at regular intervals from Nugget Bailey and Alan Hadzic (3).

If these boys keep up this type of play they will be winning many more games and could progress farther in the JLMC Cup.

Second Round: JLMC Cup — George Cross 0, Eltham 1.

This good one-goal victory put our boys into the next Round of the Cup, and it was a great effort by the boys as they were under strong pressure from the home-team all through the game.

Both teams started off well, but it was Eltham who looked the more dangerous from some well-placed through balls. Nugget Bailey, Roray Hoolohan and Kevin Emsden all were unlucky with good attempts. Freddy Vanderslik was very safe in the backline, ably supported by Stephen Bray.

There was no score in the first half and it looks as if we could finish up



SOCCEROOS ARE NOT HEROES

By JOHN MARTIN

THE SOCCEROOS were happy after their performances against the two Germany's and Chile last week in their first-ever World Cup finals.

They shouldn't have been. They were beaten 2-0 by East Germany, 3-0 by West Germany and were lucky to draw 0-0 against Chile.

No defeated team has the right to be happy.

Judging by the compliments showered on them by the overseas and Australian press, one would imagine we had a chance of winning the World Cup.

If we had been beaten 1-0 by Chile on Saturday I suppose everyone would have been delighted because that would have been another so-called respectable result against a world class side.

Australia has proved one thing in their World Cup finals debut — they are popular losers. But what a pity they could not be unpopular winners.

No-one would take credit from the great captaincy of Peter Wilson and the rest of his Socceroos for the hard fighting performances against the Germans. But let's cut out the kidding, that first half effort against an inferior Chile on Sunday morning was pathetic.

Everyone conveniently forgot the fact that our part time professionals conceded five goals in three games and didn't score one. We were well and truly licked twice. No doubt by one of the teams who will play in the finals.

But the big question that should have been asked was "why didn't Australia — who were representing Asia — put up a better show?"

Compare Australia's results with those of previous Asian representatives in the 1970 and 1966 World Cup finals.

You'll remember when the finals were played in England the Asian representative North Korea, had a smashing victory over the powerful Italy, and reached the quarter finals and were very unlucky not to play in the semis.

Then when the finals were played in Mexico four years later, Israel the Asian representative, drew with Sweden and lost once — to Uruguay.

By comparison Australia's results in the 1974 finals just didn't measure up.

So no matter how much praise we give the Socceroos their efforts were not truly worthy of the heroes they have been made out to be.

without any scoring from either team.

Several times in the second half we had opportunities to score, but they were just wide or the George Cross defence cleared in the nick of time.

Following a bout of pressure from the Eltham forwards, a freekick was given just outside the box.

Nugget Bailey placed the freekick accurately to Kevin Emsden's head, and a good header found the corner of the goal.

This reverse stung George Cross into a series of attacks but our backline held firm, although they were really under

pressure at times.

Mark Dale, in goal for Eltham, was called upon to make several good saves to keep our boys in front.

Just before full-time Alan Hadzic put a good through ball to Kevin Emsden and from the edge of the penalty box, Kevin's shot hit the bar and was cleared by George Cross.

This win has given these boys much heart and if they continue to play as well in the future they must improve their League position as well as becoming a team to be wary of in the next Round of the Cup.

At Olympic Park, Prahran Slavia v Mooroolbark with players David Webb (No. 8 Slavia), George Train (No. 11, Slavia), and A. Pongho (No. 6, Mooroolbark).

SOCCER GOSSIP

GEORGE CROSS AND SOCCER HOUSE NEED COURAGE

by: Steve Grant

TOUGH ON TOP

WHY DID the Socceroos get such a rough time from the referee against Chile when they held them to a goalless draw in West Berlin on Sunday? Was it because referee Nandar came from Iran? Remember the Socceroos knocked his country out of the Cup. We think FIFA made a big mistake by allowing this man to take the whistle in this game. What do you think?

PAUL MURPHY, the George Cross sweeper, scored his tenth goal for his club against Fitzroy United Alexander at Fawkner on Saturday when he converted a penalty.

And before the game he said he was going to score "a couple more". Better luck this week Paul.

TONY CHARLTON, has given soccer the real professional touch with his excellent commentaries on GTV9's Live Soccer every Saturday afternoon.

If you don't believe us, just turn on your radio and listen to some of the yap-yap of the footy men describing their games.

Try comparing it with the noise of a pack of dogs in a boarding kennel.

ALAN WHITEHEAD, 21, a linkman was missing from Siemen's line-up in their Industrial League match against Public Works, at Royal Park, on Sunday.

He was ordered to bed by his doctor because he had chickenpox.

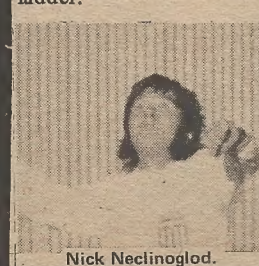
All at Soccer Week wish him a speedy recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS to Keilor Austria on their first win of the season on Saturday.

They beat Polonia 1-0 and the player they have to thank for their great win is 16-year-old Ray Beller.

All those who tipped them to be relegated this year had better think again.

Keilor are only two points from Melbourne who are also in trouble on the bottom of the ladder.



Nick Neclinoglod.

IAN "ZORBA" GIBSON netted another goal for Fitzroy United Alexander against George Cross on Saturday.

He now has scored five this season - five less than the leaders.

BAD LUCK for Fitzroy United Alexander that their new forward from Scotland, Frank Danachie, 27, didn't receive his clearance papers in time to play against George Cross on Saturday. But as it turned out they didn't require him with their 3-2 victory.

They should remember their mistake with Sam Cook their last Scottish signing. He was played too early in their Ampol Cup games and his mistake on the field after only five minutes play probably cost them the Cup this year.

It pays to play these newcomers in the reserves for a couple of weeks before they join the big time.

Conditions are so much different here in Victoria than those experienced in Scotland.

JACK READSHAW, one of our top referees, told Soccer Week that the second half of the George Cross v Alexander game was pathetic for soccer on Saturday.

He said the first half gave a brilliant display of how the game should be played, fast and exciting.

He said it was a hard game to control towards the end. "The players were no problem. It was the crowd. I was looking over my shoulder all the time."

Soccer Week gives praise to George Cross and Alexander officials, as well as the police, for the excellent way they handled some of the hot heads at the game.

TALKING ABOUT send-offs in the Industrial League.

Rough play and bad sportsmanship was the order of the day in the Philip Morris v Bosch clash. But not the way you'd think.

KURT DEFRIS, secretary-manager of Hakoah St Kilda and also one of the biggest importers of soccer balls in Victoria, told Soccer Week his sales were up 100 per cent this year.

CON XANTHROPOLOUS, Fitzroy United coach, complained about the condition of the new George Cross ground at Fawkner on Saturday.

He said "you can't expect to play good soccer on such a shocking ground."

GEORGE CROSS are making plans to tour Europe this Christmas with a couple of games in Malta, probably against Valetta.

They also hope to play in Singapore. They are being helped by the Malta Travel Service who sponsor the club along with Courage Breweries.

The culprits were not Bosch but the cigarette-men.

There appears to be some hot-heads in the PM side. John Hamill was only sent off two weeks ago. But instead of being grateful of the Tribunal's leniency (Hamill received a four-week suspended sentence), he did it again.

DAVID ELLABY, another PM send-off, is no strange face to the Tribunal either.

David Brechin was culprit no. 3.

On the Bosch side, striker Milan Stoilovic lost his temper after being fouled and referee Jim Brennan ordered Stoilovic off as well.

PETER DINSDALE, captain-coach of Cadbury, didn't do his side a favor in their match against Patons Brakes.

Dinsdale lost his cool and found himself prematurely back in the dressing rooms.

ROWDY behaviour of Standard players after the match against Cadbury two weeks ago had serious consequences for the club and its secretary, Gunther Klesel. At the Tribunal hearing Standard was fined \$50.00 and Gunther Klesel \$20.00.

WHERE MUST be more positive thinking with soccer in the future. It's all very well to say that they don't do this in English soccer, but this is not England - and never will be.

In Australia, and in Victoria in particular, we have a big problem - Australian Rules football. It has kept our game back for more than 100 years.

The big breakthrough in our sport came this year with regular televised Match of the Day soccer from the BBC and ITV in London which were seen at peak periods on Wednesday nights on the Channel 2 network.

Soccer also had its greatest boost with GTV9 "Live Soccer" of State League games on Saturday afternoons.

Tony Charlton and his colleague Frank Weimpe, have done a fantastic job with their weekly commentaries.

Maurie Kirby, one of GTV9's officials said during the week-end the soccer show on Saturday had won his station a very high rating.

Other channels who were showing second-rate films had lost their viewers to soccer. And let's face it, last week's match, George Cross v

who were born in Melbourne and have never ventured outside the country where the names of Magpies, Cats and Tigers are only referred to when one is discussing a zoo!

Those days have gone. Clubs like George Cross and Hakoah St Kilda have shown us what they can do with the sponsorship of Courage and Carlton United Breweries. There will be more in the future. This is only the beginning.

The Victorian Soccer Federation must change its attitude and give their blessing to these clubs - and others - so that they can wear the emblems of the people who back them.

You must give something to get something. Only in this way will George Cross, the poor orphans of the sport, obtain a ground of their own.

Do the people at Soccer House who run the game, want to continue with clubs like George Cross playing on a paddock and using tin sheds as changing rooms

every week?

Alan Webster, marketing manager of Courage Breweries, told George Cross officials last week that his company would make the club the best in the State League.

And he meant it. Alan, a dinki-di Australian, was at Fawkner on Saturday watching George fight their hearts out against the overwhelming odds of Alexander the Great.

George's coach Ken Patterson said he badly needed more mid-fielders who would go in and get the ball. He can only find these with Courage.

The support this company will give the Cross will enable them to produce more local talent.

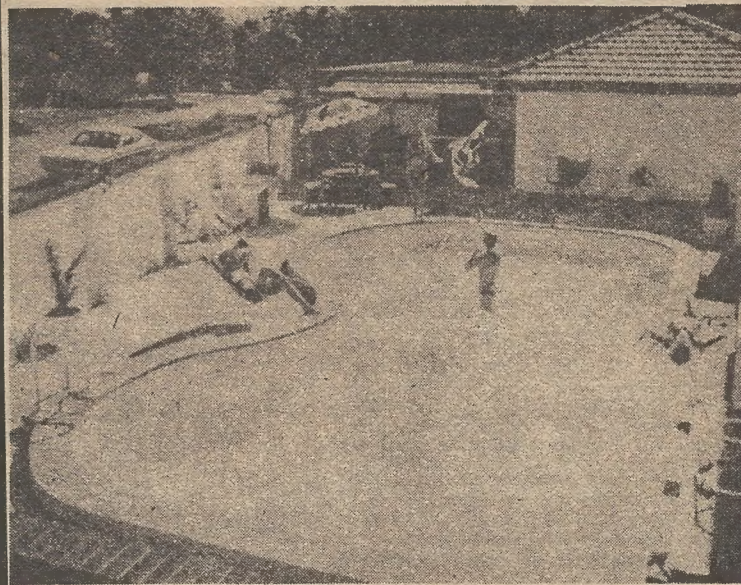
There was not one Australian-born player in the Cross am which played Alexander on Saturday. This is just not good enough for a sport which has just come of age in this country.

More positive thinking gentlemen will give us what we all cry for - a true Australian game.

And it can only come from sponsorship.



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THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Doncaster Rovers, in one of their busiest weekends of the season, fielded teams in 20 matches over the two days.

The senior team although going through a patch of the horrors consolidated their position at the top of the Fourth Division and are now three points clear of their nearest rivals.

Although they never looked like dropping a point, they made the going hard in defeating second-bottom Sandringham City at Sandringham on Saturday.

A fine goal from Gerry Van De Maat gave the Rovers a 1-0 lead at half time, and they never lost the lead from that point on.

John Reilly scored the second with a good hard drive, then Sandringham pulled one back to make the score 2-1.

A first-class effort by Joe Toplek made the margin two again at 3-1.

Sandringham were then able to capitalise on some laxity in the Doncaster defence when they scored via a free kick on the left wing.

Rovers again pulled away to a two-goal lead when Gerry Van De Maat scored his second, but Sandringham were again awarded a free kick in a similar position to that of the former with the identical result.

Final score Doncaster Rovers 4, Sandringham City 3.

Goal scorers — Doncaster: Gerry Van De Maat 2, John Reilly 1, Joe Toplek 1, Sandringham: Con Ageras 1, Peter A'Herne 1, George Drda 1.

Best players — Doncaster: Bob Head, Joe Toplek. Sandringham: Steve Harburn, Peter A'Herne, Con Ageras.

The Doncaster Rovers Reserves are also at the top of their table two points clear.

The Reserves started at a fantastic pace with five goals being scored in the first quarter-hour (three for Doncaster and two for Sandringham).

However, the play settled down and Doncaster were untroubled to run out easy winners over a depleted Sandringham 5-3.

Goal scorers — Doncaster: Martin Van De Maat 2, Bill Podlewski 1, Robert Madden 1, own goal 1. Sandringham: Glen Palmer 2, Derek Wilkinson 1.

Best players — Doncaster: Robert Madden, Bill Stabler. Sandringham: Les Anderson, Derek Wilkinson, Alan Crawford.

Doncaster Rovers games for next weekend:

Saturday: Doncaster Seniors v Mornington at Donvale Res, k.o. 2.45; Doncaster Reserves v Mornington at Donvale Res, k.o. 1.00.

Juniors: U-16 Doncaster v Preston at Donvale Res, k.o. 1.00; Under-8, Green v Croydon at Croydon, k.o. 11.00; Under-8, Gold bye; Under-7, Green bye.

Sunday: Doncaster 'A' v Melbourne Uni. at Donvale Res, k.o. 2.45; Doncaster 'B' v Springvale at Donvale Res, k.o. 2.45.

Juniors: Under-14 Doncaster v Waverley at Donvale Res, k.o. 1.00; Under-13, Green v Waverley at Donvale Res, k.o. 1.00; Under-12, Gold v Ess. Grammar at Donvale Res, k.o. 1.00; Under-12, Green v Bayswater at Bayswater, k.o. 11.00; Under-12 Gold v Greensborough at Greensborough, k.o. 11.00; Under-11, Green v Ringwood United at Donvale Res, k.o. 11.00; Under-11, Gold v Clayton at Donvale Res, k.o. 11.00; Under-10, Green v Mooroolbark at Mooroolbark, k.o. 10.00; Under-9, Green v Nunawading at Donvale Res, k.o. 10.00; Under-9, Gold v Ess. Lions at Essendon, k.o. 10.00.

ROUND 10 — Division 1: Bosch 1, Philip Morris 0; McColl 4, Kodak United 3; Repco Clayton 2, Bowscot/Fibre 2; Repco Richmond 1, Tarax 1; AWA-Thorn 5, Dulux 2.

Division 2: ACI Box Hill 3, VRI 2; Public Works 2, Siemens 2; Cadbury 0, Patons Brakes 3; Ericsson 3, Standard AST 3; Goodyear 2, HMAS Cerberus 0 (walkover to Goodyear).

Division 3: ANZ Bank 2, Cartro 6; Ford Falcons 6, Wills 2; Lorimier 2, Vickers 4; Lys/Brownb. 1 LETS 2; Lysaght bye (Motor Producers has withdrawn).

Result from Queen's Birthday: Wills 2, Cartro 9. Drawn for ADIDAS Cup — To be played on July 14, 1974: VRI v McColl, Ford Falcons v Cartro, Ericsson v Goodyear v Wills, Patons Brakes v Bosch.

Fixture for next week's games — To be played June 30, 1974:

Division 1: Bosch v McColl, Kodak Utd v Repco Clayton, Bowscot/Fibre v Repco Richmond, Tarax v AWA-Thorn, Philip Morris v Dulux.

Division 2: ACI Box Hill v Public Works, Siemens v Cadbury, Patons Brakes v Ericsson, cancelled; Standard AST v Goodyear, cancelled, VRI v HMAS Cerberus.

Division 3: ANZ Bank v Ford Falcons, Wills v Lorimier, Vickers Etroit v Lysaght, Cartro v LETS.

ADIDAS CUP FIXTURE: Ericsson v Goodyear.

MCCOLL IN BOX SEAT

A terrific, high-scoring clash between arch rivals McColl and Kodak United resulted in title defender McColl keeping ahead by a nose, scraping home four goals to three.

In a fair and even game McColl led from the start but trailed 2-1 at the interval. The Springvale side pulled back to a 4-2 lead in the second half before Kodak scored their third.

Doug Gregory (2), Barry Burden and Jimmy Daperis goaled for the winner while Alan Talbot, Sam Galloway and Phil Clarke got the score on the board for United.

Phil Clarke's goal must rank as a rarity as he lofted the ball into the net from the centre-line.

McColl after a shaky start seem to have consolidated and must at this stage be rated outright favorites to take out the title for the second time running.

The most likely challenger is now Bosch, the only team that has beaten McColl.

The sides clash next week in what will be a thriller and the outcome could well put McColl in an unbeatable position should the side win. Bosch, handicapped by the enforced absence of their top striker, Milan Stoilovic, who is serving a two-weeks sentence, will have a mammoth battle on their hands. But the leather is round and why should the underdog not be able to upset the champs again?

HILLMEN DID IT AGAIN

ACI Box Hill's 5-3 win over high favorites, VRI last week had the experts baffled and the Hillmen winning the Kingford Merit Award.

Box Hill this week proved once and for all that their first win was by no means a fluke.

In the return match between Hillmen and Sleepers the incredible happened again: Box Hill, again starting as outsiders, and again they snatched both points from the VRI promotion aspirants, winning by the odd goal in five.

The Sleeper's loss dealt a heavy blow to the promotion hopes and Siemens, holding Public Works to a two-all draw after trailing twice, moved past the Railwaymen into third position.

VRI put up a terrific fight and attacked for most parts of the game but apart from two goals, were unable to penetrate the composed ACI defence.

VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION:

Last week's games:

State League — Saturday June 22: Prahran Slavia 2 v Mooroolbark Utd 0, R.: 4-3, Olympic Park; Kellor Austria 1 v Polonia-Maribyrnong 0, R.: 3-4, Schintler Res.; Melbourne 0 v Hakoah St Kilda 1, R.: 1-3, Middle Park.

Sunday, June 23: South Melbourne Hellas 2 v Ringwood C. Wilhelmia 0, R.: 1-1, Middle Park; Juventus v Footscray JUST, postponed; George Cross (Sat.) 2 v Fitzroy Utd Alexander 3, R.: 2-0, Martin Res., Fawkner.

Metropolitan League — Saturday, June 22 — Division I: Box Hill 1 v Preston 1, R.: 3-2; Western Suburbs 0 v Altona City 7, R.: 2-6; Essendon Lions 1 v Frankston City 2, R.: 1-2; Albion Rovers 1 v Kellor City 4, 1-1; St Albans 2 v Green Gully 1, R.: 1-2; Yallourn 0 v Sunshine City 2, R.: 0-3.

Division II: Ringwood Utd. v Springvale City, both P/P; Newport 0 v Moreland 0, R.: 1-1; Prahran City 1 v Richmond 5, R.: 2-0; Princes Park 2 v North Carlton 2, R.: 1-1; Dandenong City 2 v Waverley City 2, R.: 1-2; Croydon City 2 v Ferntree Gully 0, R.: 4-0.

Division III: Bayswater 3 v Doveton 3, R.: 4-0; Chelsea 0 v Corio 1, R.: 3-0; Brighton 1 v Caulfield City 2, R.: 6-1; Heidelberg 1 v Park Rangers 3, R.: 0-1; Essendon City 3 v Coburg 3, R.: 3-3; Ballarat 3 v Eltham 4, R.: 1-2.

Division IV: Sandringham City 3 v Doncaster Rovers 4, R.: 3-5; Monash Uni. 1 v Bell Park 0, R.: 3-0; Uni. of Melb 0 v South Yarra 0, R.: 2-1; Broadmeadows City 1 v Clayton 2, R.: P/P no sm.h.; H/A City; East Melbourne 3 v Rosebud 0, R.: 2-0; Mornington 2 v Moorabbin 1, R.: 1-1.

Provisional League — Saturday, June 22: Frankston Pines 3 v Fawkner 5, R.: 3-0; Melton 4 v Hamlyn Rangers 1, R.: 5-0, no res.; Central Altona 3 v Carlton 0, R.: 5-1; Geelong 1 v Werribee 1, R.: 1-1; South Dandenong 2 v Morwell Falcons 3, R.: 2-5; Nunawading 2 v Langwarrin 1, R.: 3-3.

District League: Sunday, June 23 — North Division: Thomastown v Rosanna 7-0, R.: 3-3; Diamond Creek v Bulleen 1-1, R.: 3-0; Latrobe Uni bye; Galveston v Mitcham 2-6, R.: 1-2; North Melbourne v Greensborough N/P.

South Division: Toorak v West Richmond 0-3; Karlingal v Sandown 2-1; Nth Dandenong v Nunawading U. 2-1, R.: 2-0; Chadstone v Postal Institute 1-5, R.: 1-1; Mordialloc v Monbulk 0-4, R.: 1-6; Nth Springvale v Balacava 3-0.

East Division: Kew v Hawksburn 2-1; Croxton v Burnley 0-2, R.: 2-0; E. Brunswick v Highett 1-3; Hampton v S. Oakleigh 3-3, R.: 1-0; Pascoe Vale v Hawthorn 1-1.

West Division: Sunbury v Nth Sunshine 6-3; Kensington v Yarraville 1-3, R.: N/P; East Carlton v Ascot Utd 2-1, R.: 2-2; Thornbury v Central Brunswick 4-2; Williamstown v Royal Park 1-1; bye Hotham Utd.

CANDYMEN MELTING

Only three weeks ago the Cadbury side received the Kingford Merit Award for scoring an upset win over Standard AST. But things haven't been the same since.

Twice in a row the Candyman crashed to Patons Brakes who hitherto had produced all but convincing performances. Even on Sunday the Brake people were far from outstanding, but even with a mediocre performance, were able to trounce Cadbury by three clear goals.

Was the shock send-off of captain/coach Peter Dinsdale the reason?

LORIMIER and VICKERS SET EXAMPLE

Bad behavior, rough play and back-talking to referees seem to be the rule rather than the exception in the MISL.

It was therefore a more than welcome surprise when the referee of the Lorimier v Vickers Detroit game at Royal Park, last Sunday, reported the game to have been the fairest and cleanest one he ever referred.

Full marks to both teams, but in particular Lorimier who despite getting a hammering week-by-week play the game in such a sporting fashion.

George Cross ace Norm Maitland, due to his clubs fixture being played on the Saturday, was able to take the field for Vickers and promptly hammered in two goals.

Ward and Platt did the rest. Malcolm Dean and Ken Platt were best for the victors, while for Lorimier everyone put in a first-class effort.

TOP GOAL SCORERS:

Andrew Katnic — Repco R'mond	(-)	16 goals
Milan Stoilovic — Bosch	(-)	11 goals
Graham Price — Philip Morris	(-)	9 goals
Jo Rajher — Repco Clayton	(-)	9 goals

Division 2:		
Brana Basic — Ericsson	(-)	12 goals
Nick Tanner — VRI	(-)	12 goals
Paul Phillips — Goodyear	(-)	11 goals
Eric Toombs — Patons Brakes	(2)	11 goals

Division 3:		
Stan Hildebrand — Cartro	(1)	20 goals
Mladen Mutic — Ford Falcons	(3)	19 goals
Kax Kowalec — Cartro	(4)	13 goals
Marek Konopka — Cartro	(-)	9 goals
Malcolm Dean — Vickers Detroit	(-)	9 goals

(Figures in brackets state goals scored last Sunday.)

A message from HMAS Cerberus:

Sorrowful Sailors: Sincere apologies from Mick Brady at Cerberus to Goodyear and Standard for cancellation of matches recently. Unfortunately, this season the sailors soccer talent and interests are interstate, overseas or worse, non-existent.

To raise a team worthy of last season's proud standard is impossible and to merely field 11 enthusiasts is almost as bad.

Cerberus will at least for the time being, continue to try to mee the League commitment and asks the indulgence of fellow clubs during these hard times.

Who knows? Perhaps next week the Cerberus Soccer ship will come home and the Brady Bunch will be back in their winning. Thank you all.

League Chatter: MISL glamor team, McColl, are going places. The champion side secured last week an agreement with Waverley High School for the right of using the first class school ground for training purposes.

In return McColl supplied and installed floodlights free of charge.

It proves again what a will to co-operation can achieve.

One side yet to win the Kingford Merit Award are the smokers themselves.

Philip Morris, who sport the flashing Kingford colors on their jerseys, have to battle with outbursts of temper of some of their players, reducing their chances to come up with an outstanding performance.

Seems, however, that the MISL again is a step ahead of the VSF in allowing, in fact welcoming, the smart Philip Morris outfits. Apparently a State League club was ruled off-side when trying to register a new jersey with a cockerel badge, indicating the club's sponsorship ties to a beer-brewing company.

Internal difficulties have forced Motor Producers United to withdraw from the competition.

It seems a shame that a club with such a wealth of players will in future on the side-lines.

It is understood that frictions between two opposing parties within the club led to the fold-up.

The MISL Management Committee has decided that all results of the first nine games will stand. Clubs drawn against Motor Producers during the second-half of the season will have a bye.

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The high number of walk-overs given by some clubs over the recent weeks has caused the Management Committee to pass a resolution that a fine of \$10.00 be automatically imposed onto the defaulting team. For a second offence a \$20.00 fine will be imposed and if further walk-overs are given the membership of the defaulting club will be reviewed.

Thirds Competition — Sunday, June 23: Under-20 Division: Melton v Polonia 0-10; Broadmeadows v Doncaster 'B' 1-1; Springvale v Frankston Pines (S.vale w'drawn); Army Apprentices v Doncaster 'A' 2-1? University v Melbourne Uni v Croydon 5-2.

West Division: Moreland v RMIT 3-1; Preston 'B' v Preston 'A' 0; Uni. of Melb v Albion Rovers 0; Eltham v Broadmeadows 2-3.

Central Division: Croydon v Brighton 0-0; Waverley 'B' v Moorabbin 0-0; Ferntree Gully v Bayswater 0-0; Caulfield City v Richmond 2-2.

South Division: Clayton v Dandenong 4-1; Waverley 'A' v Portsea, postponed; Frankston v Chelsea 0-0; Doveton v Monash University 7-2.

NEXT WEEKEND's games:

STATE LEAGUE

(Saturday)

Polonia-Marybrnong v Ringwood City Wllh. (Maribyrnong Res.); Fitzroy Utd. Alexander v Kellor Austria (Olympic Park).

Sunday

Footscray JUST v Melbourne (Schintler Res); Hakoah St Kilda v George Cross (Middle Park); Prahran Slavia v South Melbourne Hellas (Olympic Park); Mooroolbark Utd v Juventus (Esther Park).

Metropolitan League

Division 1: Green Gully v Albion Rovers; Kellor City v Essendon Lions; Frankston City v Western Suburbs; Altona City v Box Hill; Sunshine City v St Albans.

Sunday

Preston v Yallourn.

Saturday

Division II: Ferntree Gully v Dandenong City; Waverley City v Princes Park; North Carlton v Prahran City; Richmond v Newport; Springvale City v Croydon City; Moreland v Ringwood Utd.

Division III: Eltham v Essendon City; Coburg v Heidelberg; Park Rangers v Brighton; Caulfield City v Chelsea; Doveton v Ballarat; Corio v Bayswater.

Division IV: Moorabbin v East Melbourne; Rosebud v Broadmeadows City; Clayton v Uni. of Melbourne; South Yarra v Monash Uni.; Doncaster Rovers v Mornington; Bell Park v Sandringham City.

Provisional League: Langwarrin v South Dandenong; Morwell Falcons v Geelong; Werribee v Central Altona; Carlton v Melton; Fawkner v Nunawading; Hamlyn Rangers v Frankston Pines.

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South Division: Monbulk v North Springvale; Postal Institute v Mordialloc; Nunawading Utd v Chadstone; Sandown v North Dandenong; Toorak v Karlingal; Balacava v West Richmond.

East Division: Hawthorn v Hawksburn; South Oakleigh v Pascoe Vale; Highett v Hampton; Burnley v East Brunswick; Kew v Croxton.

West Division: Hotham Utd v North Sunshine; Royal Park bye; Central Brunswick v Williamstown; Ascot Utd v Thornbury; Yarraville v East Carlton; Sunbury Utd v Kensington.

Thirds Competition — Under-20 Division: Croydon v Polonia; Doncaster v University of Melb.; Frankston Pines v Army Apprentices; Doncaster 'B' v Springvale; Melton v Broadmeadows City.

West Division: Broadmeadows bye; Uni. of Melb v Preston 'A'; Preston 'B' v Moreland; Eltham v RMIT.

Central Division: Richmond v Bayswater; Ferntree Gully v Moorabbin; Waverley 'B' v Brighton; Caulfield City v Croydon.

South Division: Monash Uni. v Chelsea; Frankston v Portsea (postponed); Waverley 'A' v Dandenong; Doveton v Clayton.

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A SCENE FROM THE HELLAS V's MIDDLE PARK GAME.

LAST WEEK'S SLAVIA AND MOORALBARK SOCCER

FITZROY UNITED Alexander put the greatness back into their game when they beat George Cross 3-2 in a thriller at their new ground at Fawkner, on Saturday.

Fitzroy disproved the theory that they have only one striker, Ian "Zorba", Gibson when he with George Gillan and Ron Brown, all scored goals.

The experts said a few weeks back that the big problem with this side was their lack of goal-scoring forwards. But this has all changed now.

On Saturday, the fast game produced attack after attack from Fitzroy and a well-controlled game by referee John Readshaw under very difficult conditions.

Some of Alexander's supporters didn't agree with his ruling of a penalty late in the second half but the referee's decision is always final. And that's the way the game has to be played.

George Cross played well enough but failed to break through in the second half when they tired.

Coach Ken Patterson was not happy with the midfielders. He wanted more action from them, but the big problem in this game was the ground which is not suitable for State League soccer.

SOUTH MELBOURNE Hellas proved at Middle Park on Sunday when they beat Ringwood City 2-0, that they will be the side to beat for the championship this year.

Although club president Sam Papasavas was not happy with the side, they won and they gained the two vital points to put them in second place on the ladder.

Jim Armstrong failed to gain the goal which would have put him in the lead on the goal-scorers' list. He is now equal with Paul Murphy, of George Cross. Both have scored 10.

Ringwood City still have not produced the game they are capable of and it makes one wonder what is wrong with this side.

It was good to see Freddie Bunce with all his speed on the wing still playing so well after all the great years of service he's given to the game.

And for Hellas, too, veteran Johnny Bedford still puts in a fine game. He says this will be his last year in soccer. It will be a pity to see this fine Australian leave the sport he has given so much to.

Marko Fode impressed in goal for Hellas. It has been some time since he let a goal in and it looks like he's chasing his previous record, of 13 games without defeat.

Ulysses Kokkinos didn't want to play on Sunday because he was injured. After the game his right foot was swollen and because of this he said he was unable to

score goals. But with Jimmy Armstrong he did much to assist Nick Nechvoglod who scored a sizzler from 35 metres and help Steve Walker who opened the Hellas account.

Kokkinos said one of Ringwood's defenders stepped on his foot after five minutes play and this virtually put him out of action for the rest of the game. His injury may prevent him from playing this weekend.

According to Jim Armstrong he failed to score because "I was too busy making them." He said he wasn't worried about Murphy as the goalscorers award already had his name written on it.

Peter Bourne is still playing as good as ever for Hellas and he's still hoping to join a Sydney Club at the end of the season.

The deal is likely to be an exchange between him and Jimmy Mackay, of Hakoah Sydney. Meanwhile Ian Marshall was on the sidelines at Middle Park on Sunday also waiting for his clearance to Hakoah Sydney.

Hellas coach Johnny Margaites said "We had a bad day but they played according to plan."

Keilor-Austria proved at last that they can win when they took out their first points of the season beating Polonia 1-0, at New Footscray Road.

They have discovered an enterprising winger in 16-year-old Ray Beller, who scored their winning goal in the second half.

Melbourne have never played so poorly and have never been in such a low position on the ladder as they are today.

They went down 1-0 to Hakoah St Kilda - the only goal being scored by Hakoah defender Auki Waaldyk.

Melbourne need better management and more support for their ailing club. They have a great coach and have a great record, but the type of game they're playing at the moment is not their best.

With players like Alister Scott, Joe Palinkas, Ian McCarthy, Bobby Dobbins and Duncan Cummings they should be sitting comfortably in one of the top four positions and not struggling in the relegation zone.

Prahran Slavia coach Johnny Sanchez can still hold his head high after his statement that "we won't be beaten this year", following their 2-0 win over Mooroolbark.

But now the acid test will come. They will be playing much stronger teams within the next few seasons.

RIGHT: Bobby Kent (10) John Howie (6) Jim Tansey (3). Goalkeeper Mike O'Hara. Side on: Stuart Gilmore.

CENTRE: John Howie's down with a smile while David Webb looks on. B. O'Toole, in the meantime escapes with the ball.

BELOW: Ian Humble.

BOTTOM: David Webb and Brian Edgley, Captain and Coach of Moorlabark.



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LEN STONE'S METROPOLITAN GOSSIP

ANUMBER of Metropolitan League clubs are most unhappy about the state of their grounds and feel that Councils must get behind them in an effort to improve facilities.

THE two Gordons — Cameron and Douglas — are playing well for Albion Rovers even though they have been on the losing side against Fitzroy Utd in the Dockerty Cup Quarter Final last Saturday.

Both have plenty of State League experience which they gained during their years with Hakoah.

PRESTON Macedonia are dropping too many points despite their star-studded line-up.

It is hoped that Billy McIntyre will soon find his Croatia form and once new English singing Bobby McDonald settles down, the play of the gifted and skilful Lou Jordannis will also improve out of all proportion.

ST ALBANS officials are hopeful that the team has got over their slump and that they will now start to climb the ladder.

In 17-year-old Branko Culina, they feel they have a youngster with a great future.

Essendon Lions feel they were unlucky to lose to Frankston 2-0 on their home ground, Montgomery Park.

Tactically, Frankston were better and once they were in front they intended to stay there.

One of the best players on the ground was Lions player-coach Michael Chudiak who strove hard to save a point from the game, but the tight Frankston defence reigned supreme to the final whistle of this exciting encounter.

Keilor City played great soccer to defeat Albion Rovers 4-1 in a convincing away performance.

Albion Rovers with big guns Gordon Cameron, Tom Clark, J. Deparis, J. Pryde, Gordon Douglas should have done better.

Keilor, like Altona intend to be hot on the heels of Sunshine and John Grady, Eddie Klimcak and Eddie Kupisz are the type of players to do just that.

St Albans had a praiseworthy 2-1 win over Green Gully in a tight game which was full of action and excitement even if it lacked some of the finer skills.

THE standard this season is very high. Crowds are on the increase but something has to be done, too, about the grounds.

Even after their big 7-0 win Altona were most unhappy about the state of the ground, which must also be a handicap to a ball-playing side like Western Suburbs.

ALTONA are pleased with the form of Billy Monteith the former Hakoah star who has now fully recovered from his broken leg.

Graham Riley is another player in great form at present.

Altona City Soccer Club recorded a mammoth 7-0 victory, away from home, against Western Suburbs.

The game was even in the first half, with neither side able to score.

It was a different story in the second half as Nat Little who did so well last year for Hellas, Barbour and Monteith came out of their shell and started the goal spree.

The result — Western Suburbs collapsed and seven goals came within a space of 45 minutes.

It was bad luck for Westerns player coach Leitch who tried in vain to stem the tide in Altona's percentage boosting win.

Sunshine City travelled to Yallourn and continued to set the pace in the Metropolitan League Division I with a clear-cut 2-0 win.

I understand luckless Yallourn played well and they belied their lowly position with a good display against the competent League leaders who have great players in Willy Laing and Frank Mussels, that must be the envy of many State League clubs.

Yallourn officials must be starting to wonder what they have to do to win the game.

This week previous I saw Sunshine at Box Hill and another player in this well-balanced team, who impressed me immensely was Kazi Piotrowski.

GREEN Gully Ajax players, I was told, are a happy bunch with Mario Borg and Ray Langdale amongst the most consistent players on their books.

HILLMEN HOLD THE POWERFUL PRESTON

By LEN STONE

Box Hill, without regulars Dave Williamson, Ray Taylor and Jim Young held highly rated Preston Macedonia to a 1-1 draw in an exciting Metropolitan League Division I encounter at Wembley Park.

There was much interest in former Box Hill idol Jim McCracken who scored Preston's goal just before half-time following a slip by Paul Corke.

But Corke, Andy Bradley and Tommy Flynn were Box Hill's best players.

Individually, Preston had the better players, particularly McIntyre, Harrison and the former George Cross pair Ian Reid and Tommy Fox, who were outstanding.

Bad luck for the Hillmen when their talented young goalie Harold Bauer had to be replaced at half time because of a crack on his jaw, but his replacement Mick Pearce played a blinder.

There was plenty of excitement for the season's record crowd as

Preston missed a hotly disputed penalty and Andy Bradley getting the equaliser shortly before the end.

The Box officials were all smiles after the game; pleased with getting one point from the skilful Preston side and delighted with their young reserve team's 3-2 win. Sportingly they also praised the ball-playing ability of Preston Macedonia, whom they consider a first-class soccer combination.

Jim McCracken has been seen in better form at Box Hill. The Preston star had a fairly quiet game.

AT THE half-way stage of the season, Metropolitan League Soccer is full of tension, excitement, interest and crowd appeal, according to GOALPOST, the League's newsletter.

No club can afford to relax, and no player can afford to give less than 100 per cent effort, whether his club is fighting for



A scene from the West Richmond/Toorak game.

promotion or survival.

Sunshine City has set a hot pace in Division One, but Altona City, Keilor City, Preston and Albion Rovers are pressing hard.

Relegated Box Hill is finding the going tough in the club's effort to re-establish itself as a power in Victorian soccer.

Yallourn is in serious trouble and will have to produce something spectacular to retain status.

St Albans show signs of recovery after a disastrous start and Lions are hovering dangerously near the foot of the ladder.

Division Two: Waverley City, Princes Park, and Croydon are making Division Two promotion an intriguing triangular fight, but don't discard Fernree Gully, Dandenong and Prahran.

The last two have been beset with injuries and will be contenders as players come back into action.

North Carlton have found Division Two tough going and are in line for a speedy return to the lower sphere unless they produce more positive determination.

Ringwood, Springvale and Moreland are also in trouble, with Richmond and Newport not out of the wood.

Division Three: This division lives up to its reputation. The top seven clubs could all be in at the death and although Ballarat and Corio are in greatest danger of relegation, Doveton, Caulfield and Chelsea will all have to watch their step.

Division Four: Doncaster Rovers, well organised at club level, with strong reserves and a great reservoir of juniors, have all the attributes for success, currently leading both First and Reserves ladders, they seem well set for promotion.

Broadmeadows, Moorabbin and Bell Park could all be in it at the end.

Clayton, one of the best ball-playing sides of the division, would be promotion candidates if they could overcome their inconsistency.

Struggling Rosebud, although showing better form than for years, are

still on the bottom, and once-proud Sandringham are keeping them company.

Provisional League: The only 100 per cent in the 10 senior reserves leagues of Metropolitan Soccer is held by Geelong senior side, and they seem assured of the pennant even at this early stage, for they have a reserve 11 also at the head of affairs.

All in all, the stage is set for a memorable second half of the season. There will be thrills and surprises, but Metropolitan crowds will certainly get their money's worth and crowds will increase.

WITH the transfer season ending on Jun 30, wheeling and dealing among clubs seeking promotion is already reaching fever proportions.

Coburg recently acquired Ron Stevenson and Jim Munro from Albion Rovers, who have also parted with Ray Langdale to Green Gully Ajax.

Mooroolbark players on the move are Grant McGregor to Brighton

and Johnny Howarth to Croydon.

Alan (Wizard) Jackson who gave valiant service to Mooroolbark in the past has gone from Croydon to Bayswater.

Brighton are also happy with another acquisition, Mick Benton from Frankston, who has settled down so well that he has been made captain.

Jimmy Paul's search for a new club has ended happily with his transfer from Box Hill to Sunshine.

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LEAGUE LADDERS

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
PRAHRAN SLAVIA	7	6	1	1	12	3	13
S. MELBOURNE 'A'	8	5	2	1	20	8	12
FITZROY UTD 'A'	8	4	3	1	10	6	11
HAKOAH ST KILDA	8	4	3	1	10	7	11
GEORGE CROSS	8	4	3	1	18	15	10
FOOTSCRAY JUST	6	7	3	1	18	8	7
JUVENTUS	7	3	2	2	17	19	6
RINGWOOD CITY	7	2	2	3	9	13	6
POLONIA M	8	2	1	5	7	9	5
MOOROOLBARK	8	1	3	4	16	20	4
MELBOURNE	8	1	2	5	7	19	2
KEILOR AUSTRIA	8	1	1	6	5	19	2

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE - Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
DONCASTER ROVERS	12	10	2	2	42	14	20
MOORABBIN CITY	12	7	3	2	39	16	17
BELL PARK	12	7	2	3	20	11	16
CLAYTON	12	8	1	3	30	19	16
B' MEADOWS CITY	10	7	1	2	17	11	15
E. MELBOURNE	11	5	1	5	25	23	13
MONASH UNI.	12	3	4	5	16	12	10
MORNINGTON	11	3	2	6	14	20	8
UNI OF MELB.	12	2	3	7	14	27	7
SOUTH YARRA	12	2	1	9	12	34	4
SANDRINGHAM	12	1	1	10	8	41	2
ROSEBUD	12	1	1	10	8	41	2

SL RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
GEORGE CROSS	8	5	2	1	17	7	12
RINGWOOD CITY	8	4	2	2	17	10	10
SOUTH MELBOURNE H	8	4	2	2	19	15	10
HAKOAH ST KILDA	7	3	2	2	10	6	8
JUVENTUS	6	3	1	2	12	9	7
FOOTSCRAY JUST	8	2	2	4	14	19	6
POLONIA M	7	2	1	4	15	12	5
MOOROOLBARK	7	2	1	4	14	17	5
PRAHRAN SLAVIA	5	2	1	2	12	20	4
FITZROY UTD 'A'	7	1	1	5	7	22	2
KEILOR AUSTRIA	8	1	0	7	7	22	2
MELBOURNE							

ML RESERVES - Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
DONCASTER R.	12	10	2	2	39	15	20
MELBOURNE UNI.	11	8	2	1	36	18	18
CLAYTON	11	7	2	2	26	10	16
MONASH UNI	10	7	2	1	33	14	14
MOORABBIN C.	12	6	2	4	23	19	14
B' MEADOWS C	9	5	2	2	18	8	12
BELL PARK	12	5	1	6	22	21	11
SANDRINGHAM C	12	4	1	7	17	33	8
EAST MELBOURNE	12	3	2	7	13	31	6
MORNINGTON	12	1	4	7	12	36	5
SOUTH YARRA	12	2	1	9	9	30	3
ROSEBUD	11	1	1	9	9	30	3

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE - First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
SUNSHINE CITY	12	9	2	1	26	4	20
ALTONA CITY	12	7	4	1	25	11	18
KEILOR CITY	12	7	3	2	25	10	17
PRESTON	12	5	6	1	25	10	16
FRANKSTON ROVERS	11	4	4	3	18	14	12
ALBION ROVERS	10	4	2	4	21	17	10
GREEN GULLY	12	3	4	5	15	16	10
WESTERN BS.	12	3	4	5	15	27	10
ST ALBANS	12	3	4	5	14	18	8
BOX HILL	12	2	4	6	9	19	8
ESSENDON LIONS	12	2	3	7	15	35	7
YALLOURN	11	1	2	8	8	34	4

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
GEELONG	12	11	1	1	32	12	23
WERRIBEE	12	7	1	4	23	21	15
FAWKNER	11	6	2	3	26	15	14
FRANKSTON P.	12	6	2	4	37	22	14
LANGWARRIN	12	6	2	4	28	18	14
MORWELL FALCONS	12	6	4	2	22	21	11
NUNAWADING	12	4	3	5	24	24	11
CENTRAL ALTONA	12	3	5	4	7	20	8
MELTON	12	3	3	6	19	25	8
S. DANDENONG	12	2	3	7	19	32	7
HAMLYN RANGERS	12	2	3	7	19	32	7
CARLTON	11	1	2	8	9	49	2

ML RESERVES - First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
SUNSHINE CITY	11	9	1	1	32	10	19
ALTONA CITY	11	6	4	1	26	11	16
KEILOR CITY	11	6	4	1	26	11	16
FRANKSTON CITY	11	6	2	3	27	16	13
PRESTON	9	5	1	3	22	9	12
ALBION ROVERS	10	5	2	3	14	7	12
ST ALBANS	11	3	2	6	18	27	8
BOX HILL	11	2	2	7	17	34	6
WESTERN SUBS.	11	2	2	7	20	28	6
YALLOURN	11	2	1	8	10	23	5
GREEN GULLY	12	1	2	9	12	41	4
ESSENDON LIONS	12	1	2	9	12	41	4

PL RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
MORWELL F.	12	9	2	1	57	9	20
GEELONG	12	9	2	1	35	13	20
MELTON	12	8	2	2	37	14	18
LANGWARRIN	12	6	3	3	42	26	15
NUNAWADING	12	4	4	4	20	21	12
WERRIBEE	11	5	1	5	26	20	11
FRANKSTON P.	12	4	1	7	16	43	9
HAMLYN RANGERS	12	2	1	9	15	30	5
CARLTON	10	2	1	7	27	36	4
FAWKNER	12	1	1	10	14	52	3
CENTRAL ALTONA	12	1	1	10	16	62	3
SOUTH DANDENONG	12	1	1	10	16	62	3

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE - Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
PRINCES PARK	12	7	5	0	26	11	19
WAVERTLEY CITY	12	7	1	2	37	19	19
CROYDON CITY	12	8	2	2	26	12	18
DANDENONG CITY	12	5	4	3	29	20	14
FERNTREE GULLY	12	5	3	4	18	21	13
RICHMOND	12	3	3	6	13	21	11
PRAHRAN CITY	12	4	3	5	18	27	11
NEWPORT	12	3	4	5	17	17	10
MORELAND	12	2	4	6	17	25	8
SPRINGVALE	11	2	3	6	17	21	7
RINGWOOD UTD	11	2	2	7	11	27	6
NORTH CARLTON	12	1	4	7	9	26	6

ROUND 10 - Division 1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
McCOLL	9	6	2	1	25	16	14
BOSCH	8	5	2	1	22	15	12
KODAK UNITED	10	5	2	3	28	20	12
AWA-Thorn	8	5	2	1	21	11	10
PHILIP MORRIS	10	4	2	4	29	18	10
REPCO CLAYTON	9	2	5	2	20	19	9
REPCO RICHMOND	10	2	4	4	28	25	8
DULUX	9	4	2	3	22	25	8
BOWSCOT/F'MAKERS	10	2	2	6	18	41	6
TARAX	9	1	3	6	12	35	3

ML RESERVES - Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
CROYDON CITY	12	11	0	1	40	9	22
WAVERTLEY CITY	12	10	2	0	33	10	22
NEWPORT	12	6	3	3	38	20	15
FERNTREE GULLY	12	6	3	3	24	17	15
MORELAND	12	5	3	4	30	14	13
PRAHRAN CITY	12	6	1	5	20	26	12
RINGWOOD UTD	11	4	1	6	15	21	9
SPRINGVALE CITY	11	4	2	5	15	24	10
DANDENONG CITY	12	4	1	7	21	36	9
RICHMOND	12	1	3	8	8	25	5
NORTH CARLTON	12	1	2	9	15	39	4
PRINCES PARK	12	1	2	9	11	35	4

Division Two

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
ERICSSON	9	7	2	0	45	14	15
STANDARD AST	9	5	3	1	31	12	13
SIEMENS	10	5	2	3	21	17	12
VRI	10	4	3	3	28	23	11
PUBLIC WORKS	10	4	3	3	22	24	11
PATONS BRAKES	10	4	3	3	22	24	11
GOODYEAR	10	3	3	4	22	25	9
CADBURY	10	3	3	4	20	23	8
HMAS CERBERSU	10	2	3	5	9	26	4
ACI BOX HILL	10	2	1	7	11	49	4

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE - Third Division

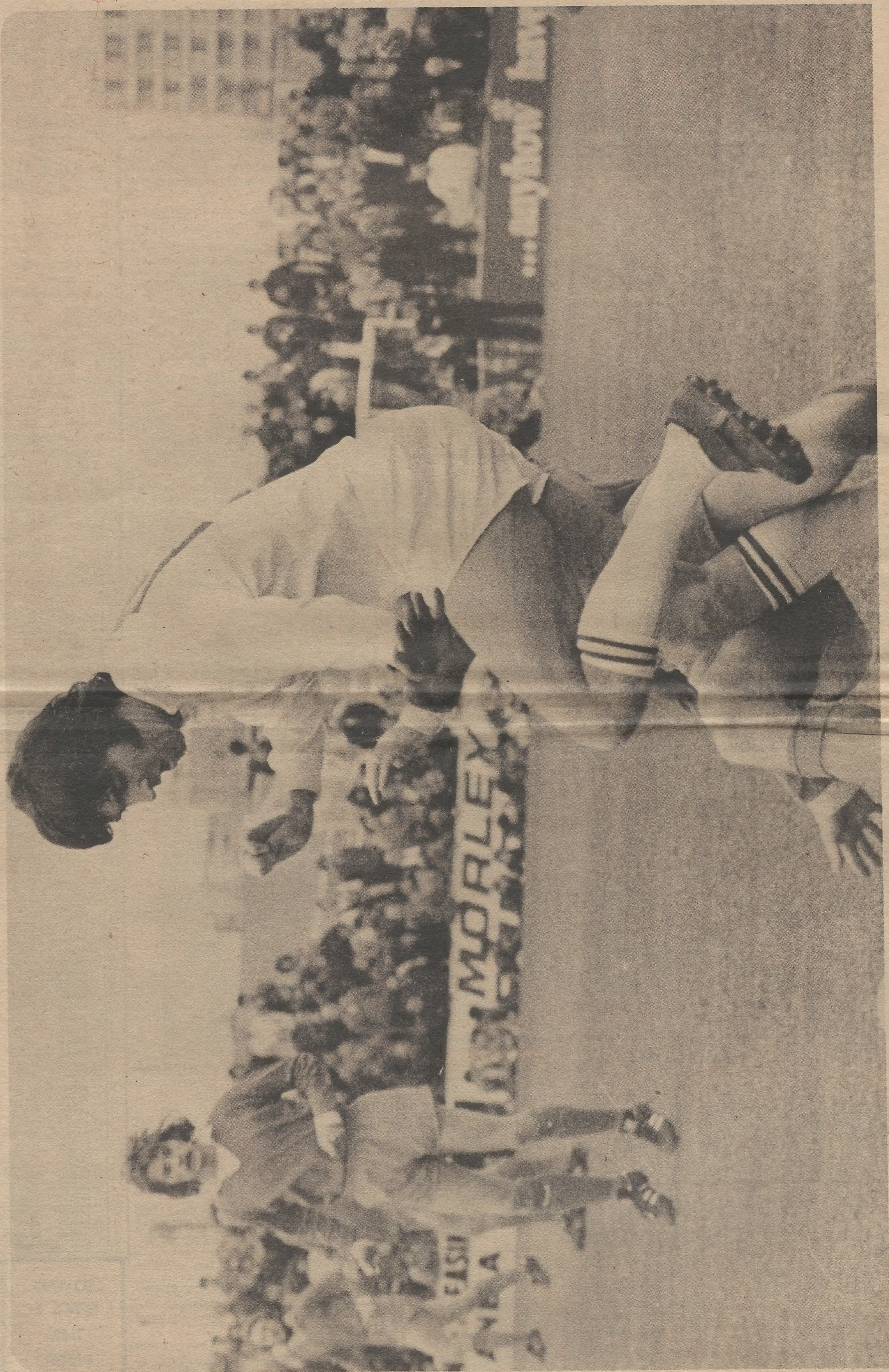
	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
ELTHAM	12	8	3	1	30	13	19
COBURG	12	7	3	2	25	17	17
BRIGHTON	12	7	2	3	25	13	16
ESSENDON CITY	12	7	2	3	25	24	16
BAYSWATER	12	5	4	3	22	11	15
PARK RANGERS	12	6	3	3	18	15	15
HEIDELBERG	12	6	1	5	24	20	13
CHELSEA	12	4	2	6	11	15	10
CAULFIELD CITY	12	4	1	7	12	25	9
DOVETON	12	2	3	7	12	21	7
BALLARAT	12	1	2	9	13	34	4
CORIO	12	1	1	10	7	28	3

Division Three

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
CARTRO	10	9	1	0	55	11	19
FORD FALCONS	10	9	1	0	37	12	18
LYSAGHT	10	6	1	3	29	27	13
LETS	10	5	2	3	25	23	11
WILLS	10	4	1	5	23	21	9
LYSAGHT/B'BUILT	10	3	2	5	19	23	8
VICKERS DET.	10	1	1	8	10	27	3
ANZ BANK	10	1	1	8	6	47	3
LORIMER	10	1	1	8	6	47	3

ML RESERVES - Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts
PARK RANGERS	12	11	-	1	30	8	22
CHELSEA	12	7	3	2	20	11	17
BRIGHTON	12	7	2	3	27	14	16
HEIDELBERG	12	7	1	4	31	13	14
BAYSWATER	12	7	1	4	28	18	14
CORIO	12	5	1	6	28	18	14
ESSENDON CITY	12	5	1	6	26	25	11
DOVETON	11	4	1	6	27	26	8
ELTHAM	11	3	2	6	12	18	7
BALLARAT	11	2	1	8	15	33	5
COBURG	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAULFIELD CITY	11	-	-	10	6	72	-



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